

## INDUCTEE

WILLIAM SHADE, M.D.

Graduated . . . 1980  
Children. . . . Bradley, Kristen  
Resides . . . . Zanesville, Ohio

As co-valedictorian with a 4.0 academic average Bill Shade graduated from GLHS with honors but he is remembered by those who knew him as more than just a young man who made good grades. Bill was one of those students who put their heart into everything they do. His participation in Key Club, journalism and football exhibit his reaching out to others and helping to achieve group goals, doing his utmost to encourage others toward success. His academic honors were many too: National Honor Society, National Spanish Honorary, Quill and Scroll. His nominator, John Reed, long time math teacher at GLHS says “Bill was a student of mine (at every level in math, including pre-calculus). One might think that I was training Bill for a career in mathematics, but he became a medical doctor instead.”

After receiving his BA degree at Otterbein College, Bill enrolled in the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University earning his degree in 1988 and going on to serve an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at OSU. Since that time he has been serving the people of the Zanesville, Ohio, area through his private office practice, Bethesda/Good Samaritan Hospital (now Genesis Healthcare System) and numerous nursing homes in Zanesville, New Concord, and Cambridge.

Dr. Shade is well known in that area because of his widespread service and care for his patients. Bill has been a highly respected member of the Genesis HealthCare System Medical Staff since 1991. He was a dedicated member of that Board of Directors from 1999-2012 and served as its chairman 2003-2006. Sister Laura Wolf of Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity says, “Dr. Shade exhibits extra-ordinary skills and compassion in his professional life.... He not only cares for physical needs of his patients but is also deeply concerned about their personal, spiritual and family needs. He goes out of his way to spend time with his patients and to care for them with the best medicine possible. He is very interested in the manner in which care is provided and works with other physicians to assure that it is accessible to patients and of high quality.... Bill’s quiet intensity reveals the depth of his knowledge and commitment to the mission of Genesis and his chosen profession.”

Dr. Daniel Scheerer, Chief Medical Affairs Officer for Genesis speaks highly of Dr. Shade’s dedication: “In addition to owning a large practice, Bill contributes many hours of community service by unselfishly offering his medical knowledge and leadership every day.” Some of that time can be noted with his service to area nursing homes such as Forest View—previously Sunnyview—and Beckett House in New Concord, Ohio, his medical directorship of Genesis Hospice, and his board membership in other area medical service groups. Dr. Shade is not just dedicated to medicine but more importantly to the families who need his care in addition to medical healing.

Phil Koppel, Bill’s GLHS football coach and teacher captures the essence of Dr. Shade’s character and career: “Although records and statistics are important, they do not reveal the ‘heart’ of the individual...I sincerely believe that this man, combined with his home environment, is an example of the work ethic, values and compassion that our Gahanna-Jefferson Schools would hope to instill in our graduates. I am 100% certain that any patient of Dr. Shade is under excellent care as he continues to give his utmost to others...”